

MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION
July 31, 2018

These minutes were approved by the Board on October 23, 2018
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1. ROLL CALL

The conference call meeting of the Board of Nursing Home Administration was called to order by Debra Sutton, Chair, at 1:01 p.m. in Conference Room LU1, Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed to the Board Members and other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Law. The following members answered roll call:

Members Present:

Amy Fish, member
Renea Gernant, Secretary
Karen Jones, member
Kevin Moriarty, member
Dean Schmidt, member
Debra Sutton, Chair

Members Absent:

Scott Bahe, member
Kathryn Hajj, member
Alexander Willford, Vice-Chair

Others Present:

Kris Chiles, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Nancy Herdman, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit
Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General
Susan Aerni, Investigator
Anna Harrison, Compliance Monitor
1 public person

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Schmid moved, seconded by Gernant, to adopt the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Fish, Gernant, Jones, Moriarty, Schmidt, Sutton (6). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Bahe, Hajj, Willford (3). Motion Carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (4-17-18)

Motion: Fish moved, seconded by Schmid, to approve the 4-17-18 minutes. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Fish, Gernant, Jones, Moriarty, Schmidt (5). Voting nay: none (0). Abstain: Sutton (1). Absent: Bahe, Hajj, Willford (3). Motion Carried.

4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION - CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Moriarty moved, seconded by Schmid, to enter into closed session at 1:05 p.m. to hear discussions of investigative/other confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Sutton repeated the purpose of the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Fish, Gernant, Jones, Moriarty, Schmid, Sutton (6). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Bahe, Hajj, Willford (3). Motion Carried.

1:05 p.m. - public person departed meeting

MOTION: Schmid moved, seconded by Jones, to enter into open session at 1:17 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Fish, Gernant, Jones, Moriarty, Schmid, Sutton (6). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Bahe, Hajj, Willford (3). Motion Carried.

1:17 p.m. - 1 public person entered meeting
Aerni and Harrison departed meeting

5. APPLICATION REVIEW, RECOMMENDATION AND REPORT OUT ON MAIL BALLOTS – OPEN SESSION

Chiles presented an application for a nursing home administrator where the person's work experience did not meet the requirement of two years of experience as a nursing home administrator with an advanced degree.

Chad Thompson – NHA Applicant

MOTION: Fish moved, seconded by Gernant, to deny the license based on not meeting the experience required with an advanced degree. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Fish, Gernant, Jones, Moriarty, Schmid, Sutton (6). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: None (0). Absent: Bahe, Hajj, Willford (3). Motion Carried.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: PRECEPTOR STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

a. Preceptor Stake Holder Committee Update and Next Steps

Fish reported the power point was done and that dates for a presentation needed to be established. Chiles suggested either August or October but felt October would be better.

Chiles commented that when she provided information at a training sponsored by the Nebraska Health Care Association (NHCA), she spoke with individuals about being willing to preceptor an individual in the next year. She reported that many could not because of where they were employed due to a) corporate and b) time commitment. Fish commented that it seemed individuals were taking the preceptor continuing education to get the hours but perhaps with no intent of being a preceptor and maybe there needed to be a new approach. Fish suggested promoting the NAB tools to broaden the current training. Sutton commented she took the training and did not feel prepared to be a preceptor. Chiles asked Sutton to provide her with what she thought was missing in the training. Chiles will send out an e-mail blast on the NAB materials. Sutton suggested encouraging the associations to also send this out.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Reports/Updates

- **2018 Legislation**

LB 299 – The bill passed and became effective on July 19, 2018. The bill allows an individual to submit a preliminary application to a licensing board to request review of their convictions; this can be submitted prior to attending school and prior to making an application for a license. The board's role is to determine if the convictions would disqualify the individual from obtaining a license, and if so the Board could recommend actions the applicant could take to rectify the disqualification. The application fee would be \$100 and if there were additional convictions after the review, the original decision can be rescinded. The bill also created a legislative review committee to review 20% all professional and occupational regulations per year beginning in January 2019.

- **National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards (NAB)**

Fish reported she attended the annual meeting in June. She stated the NAB examination study guide had been revised. She commented that they have found that 80% of individuals taking the examination have a bachelor's degree. She stated that those taking the core are passing at a higher rate than the NHA only.

- **LeadingAge Nebraska**

Sutton reported that they had a new CEO – Jennifer Acierno. She stated that LeadingAge along with the Nursing Home Association (NHA) were working on an advocacy campaign and a Medicaid nursing home reimbursement rate model project. Moriarty reported he is part of the task force with the NHA working on Medicaid reimbursement and the intent is to have a proposal completed prior to October 1, 2018. There is a

concern about facilities staying in business.

- **Nebraska Health Care Association**

This was addressed above.

b. Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions Take / Statistics: AIT/Mentoring, Examinations, Licensure and Administrative Penalties

Since January 1, 2018, there have been no disciplinary actions.

Examination results for 2018:

NHA only – 16 pass, 17 fail
CORE – 21 pass, 3 fail

Current statistics:

Administrator Overseeing More than 1 Nursing Home – 15
NHA AIT – 2
NHA Mentoring Trainee – 11
NHA Preceptor – 82
NHA – 460
Provisional NHA – 33

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jones moved, seconded by Gernant, to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Fish, Gernant, Jones, Moriarty, Schmid, Sutton (6). Voting nay: none (0). Absent: Bahe, Hajj, Willford (3). Motion Carried.

Chair, Sutton, declared the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renea Gernant, Secretary
Board of Nursing Home Administration

Summarized by: Nancy Herdman, Health Licensing Coordinator